



First Day Assignment



**A Writing Activity
based on
Common Core Standards and Bloom's Taxonomy
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Directions: Fill in one of the following grids (choose either: number 1, 2 or 3), making sure that you have at least three ideas that speak to the given issue in each column. If you need more space, copy the issue and the grid to a piece of notebook paper. When you are done, use your notes to complete a 500-750 word essay on the topic. Your essay will be better developed the more details that you jot down in the grid.

1. Detail a particular time when your life changed in an important way.

Before	Turning Point	After

2. Detail a decision you made in the past year that you would change.

Conflict/Decision	Effects	Change/effects

3. In *A Tale of Two Cities*, Charles Dickens stated, "These are the best of times; these are the worst of times..." Detail how being a teenager in today's society reflects this thought.

Best of Times	Worst of Times	Qualities of Both